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(1857-1937)
1903-1905

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INTRODUCTION

This finding aid covers the gubernatorial papers of Tennessee Governor James B. Frazier, who served from 1903-1905. It consists of fifty-three boxes of materials that consist of correspondence, reports, applications, petitions for pardons, and miscellaneous materials.

There are no restrictions on the use of the materials and researchers may make copies of individual items for individual or scholarly use.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

James Beriah Frazier

(Democrat)

The son of a judge, Frazier was born in Bledsoe County in 1857. He was graduated from the University of Tennessee at age twenty-one, admitted to the bar in 1881, and opened a practice at Chattanooga. Elected governor in 1902, he served during a time of prosperity, made great strides in the educational system and worked with the legislature to pass laws to regulate mining in order to make it a safer enterprise. He resigned in 1905 to take the seat of Senator William Bate, who had died in office. John Isaac Cox, speaker of the senate, finished his term. Frazier served in the U. S. Senate until 1911 and died in 1937.

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H. C. Adler (2) General Manager, the *Chattanooga Times*, Chattanooga.

James Armitage (3) Attorney, Greenville, Tennessee.

John V. Armstrong (1) Superintendent, School for the Blind, Nashville. Discusses deplorable conditions which existed at the school.

Zella Armstrong (1) well known Tennessee authoress, Chattanooga.

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J. M. Barker (3) President Barker Hardware Co., Bristol, Tennessee. Discusses current political trends.

Clara Benton (4) President American National Red Cross. New York, N. Y. Discusses her place for expanding the work of the Red Cross.

William B. Bate (1) United States Senator and former Confederate General in the army of Tennessee. Nashville.

Jere Baxter (4) President, Nashville *Daily News*.

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R. J. Black (12) General Manager, Mississippi Valley Loan Association. Memphis.

R. L. Blevins (5) warden, Brushy Mountain State Prison, Petros, Tenn.

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W.C. Collier (2) President, Nashville Chamber of Commerce. Nashville.
H.C. Corbin (4) Major General, United States Army. Washington, D.C.
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Charles W. Dabney (7) President, University of Tennessee. Knoxville.
Louis Spencer Daniel (4) President, Lebanon Chautauqua. Lebanon, Tennessee.
Jefferson Davis (5) Governor of Arkansas. Little Rock.
Melvin Dewey (1) Founder of American Library Association and Dewey Decimal System. New York.
J. L. Dibrell (14) manager Bon Air Coal & Iron Company. Bon Air, Tennessee.
Bettie M. Donelson (1) Director, Ladies Hermitage Association. Hermitage.
Mrs. Mary E. Dorris (2) Secretary Ladies Hermitage Association. Hermitage.
Oscar M. Dugger (5) Editor of the *Greenville Democrat*. Greenville, Tennessee.

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Nicholas Ensley (6) Assistant Secretary, Indian Shiloh National Park Commission. Indianapolis, Indiana.
William J. Ewing (1) Editor, the *Nashville American*.

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Martin A. Fleming (4) Chairman, Hamilton County Registration and Election Commissions. Chattanooga.
A. C. Floyd (4) Editor, *Memphis Morning News*.
Reau Folk (1) Nashville businessman and author. Nashville.
R. E. Fort (3) Superintendent, Nashville Hospital.
John W. Fry (1) President, Farmers and Merchants Bank. Columbia, Tenn.

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George W. Gordon (4) Superintendent, Board of Education, Memphis, Tenn.
T. C. Gordon (6) Attorney. Dyersburg, Tennessee.

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P. L. Harned (3) Superintendent of Schools, Montgomery County, Tenn.
E. H. Hatcher (4) Columbia, Tennessee.
A. G. Hawkins (2) President, State Association of Confederate Soldiers, Jackson, Tennessee.
John Hay (1) Governor of Louisiana. Baton Rouge.

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James E. Hill (3) Superintendent of Public Instruction, Knoxville, Tenn.
Thomas Hillsman (6) United States Senator. Memphis, Tenn.

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James F. Hunter (9) General Manager, Tennessee Trust Company. Memphis.

R. C. Hunter (6) Agent, Orient Insurance Company, Hartford, Connecticut.

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Stephen D. Lee (2) Commander of Confederate Veterans of America. Columbia, Mississippi.

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J. N. Luce Chairman, Mississippi River Improvement and Levee Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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George F. Milton (6) President and Editor of the *Knoxville Sentinel*.

W. O. Mims (() Attorney, Newport, Tennessee.

W. H. Moore (6) President, National Good Roads Association. St. Louis, Missouri.

W. T. Murray (4) General Manager, Brushy Mountain Coal Mines. Petros, Tennessee.

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Benton McMillin (1) Former governor of Tennessee. Nashville.

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George K. Nash (3) Governor of Ohio. Columbus, Ohio.

W. M. Nixon (3) Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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Austin Peay (5) Governor of Tennessee, 1923-25. Nashville.

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George Foster Peabody (2) Educational benefactor. New York City. Discusses possibility of establishing Peabody College in Nashville.

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John E. Richarson (10) Attorney, Murfreesboro.
Elihu Root (2) Secretary of War. Washington D. C.

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William S. Shields (1) President, City National Bank, Knoxville, Tenn.

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Andrew J. Soule (8) Professor of Agriculture, University of Tennessee. Knoxville.
E. B. Stahlam (1) President, *Nashville Banner*.

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G. P. Thruston (1) President, Tennessee Historical Society. Nashville.

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P. H. Walker (4) President, Cleveland electric Light Co., Cleveland, Tennessee.
Booker T. Washington (1) President, Tuskegee Institute. Tuskegee, Alabama.
E. Watkins (9) Attorney, Chattanooga.

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James H. Welcker (11) Attorney, Knoxville.

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H. C. Adler (1) General Manager, the *Chattanooga Times*. Chattanooga.
E. Roy Aldridge (3) Harriman, Tennessee.
William M. Anderson (1) Pastor, First Presbyterian Church. Nashville.

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Lewis M. Coleman (6) Attorney, Chattanooga.
Thomas B. Collier (7) Attorney, Memphis. Discusses General William Bate as candidate for U. S. Senator.
Thomas A. Collier (40) Attorney, Jamestown, Tennessee.
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Charles W. Dabney (4) President, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
J. L. Dibrell (9) Manager, Bon Air Coal & Iron Company. Bon Air, Tennessee.

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William J. Ewing (2) Editor, *Nashville American*, Nashville.

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B. A. Enlow (31) Secretary and Director of Exhibits, Tennessee Commission World's Fair, St. Louis, Missouri.

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W. S. Fitzgerald (3) President, The Fitzgerald School, Trenton, Tennessee.
O. P. Fitzgerald (1) Bishop, M. E. Church, South. Nashville.
Morgan G. Fitzgerald (2) United States Representative. Washington, D. C.
Martin A. Fleming (5) Attorney, Chattanooga.
A. C. Floyd (6) Editor, *Memphis Morning News*.
John W. Fry (3) President, Farmers and Merchants Bank, Columbia, Tenn.
Henry P. Fry (7) Attorney, Chattanooga.

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W. H. Gass (7) Major of Knoxville.
T. C. Gordon (1) Attorney, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

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Dr. E. E. Hoss (3) Bishop of M. E. Church South. Monteagle, Tenn.
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